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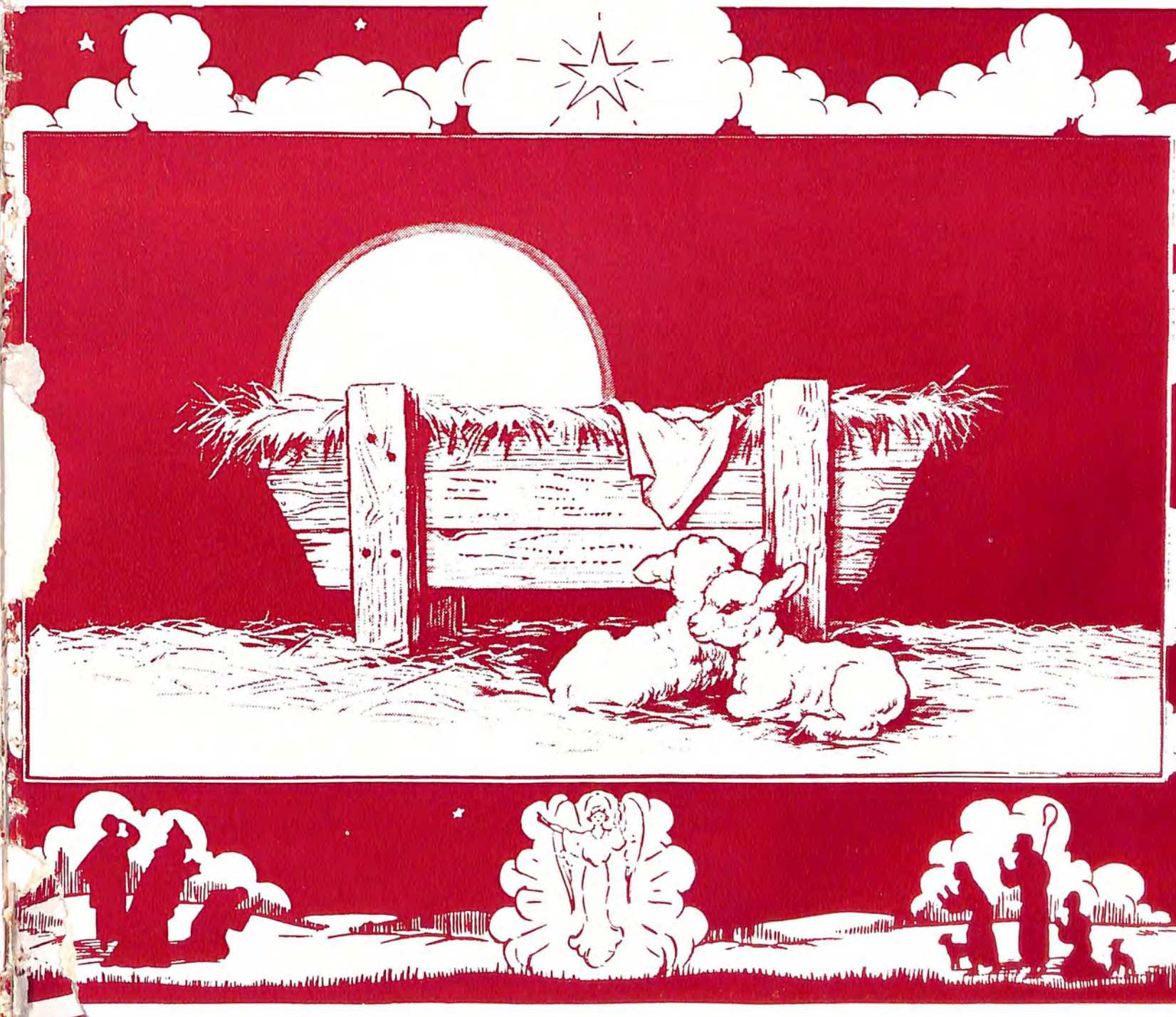

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The Church News

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WHAT THE ANGELS SANG TO THE SHEPHERDS

By The Rev. George Copeland

Associate Editor

(*Reprinted from a previous issue*)

How often people who know the chorus of a song haven't the remotest idea what the words of the opening stanza are. Even an "Information Please" expert would be hard put to recite all the verses of "Home Sweet Home," while most people do not even know the reference to roaming in the first lines upon which the familiar chorus depends for its significance.

That is exactly what has happened to the Christmas message. It came to earth in the form of a song, with one angel singing the opening words and a celestial choir joining in the chorus. Every Christmas people keep repeating "Peace on earth" as the only Christmas message, forgetting apparently that that is but a snatch of a chorus which depends for its significance upon the less familiar words of the verse that preceeds it.

What the angels were telling the shepherds was that there would be peace on earth because a "Saviour" had come, and that the Saviour was a Divine being. He was Christ the Lord. Men must have a Saviour before there can be peace on earth, and only God Himself can really save them. The whole message is, "Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy; for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Then naturally follows the chorus, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will to men."

At the risk of being misunderstood by sentimental readers, we are compelled to say, "Don't sing the chorus unless you know and believe the first verse," for the chorus hasn't any meaning unless a Divine Redeemer has come and is still at work among us. The world cannot have peace without Christ.

One of our wisest writers has observed that the present sad state of the world is due to the fact that, "Man has been taught to rely on his own powers as sufficient for all his needs, moral as well as spiritual. Science has provided him with immense material resources and has given him a mastery of nature undreamed of in the past." So man turned to science as his saviour, and thought, like the Rich Fool in the parable, that all his problems could be solved by inventions born in his own brain, he had no need of supernatural aid. But while science can give man great resources, it provides him with neither the will nor the power to use them aright. And in his blind selfishness he used them for destruction and death. Then other prophets heralded other saviours. One proclaimed that education would save, another economics, while still others put their trust in self-appointed dictators like Hitler and Stalin as their saviours.

But fortunately a few, in their bewilderment, are turning to religion. And this is our opportunity. For we have a Saviour, a *Divine* Redeemer. Our human powers have dismally failed. In the words of the Psalmist, "They are brought down and fallen. But we will remember the name of the Lord our God." This is the good tidings that we bring at Christmas, "Unto you is born a Saviour which is Christ the Lord." We need Divine assistance. So don't sing the chorus until you have finished the first verse.

★ ★ Merry Christmas ★ ★

CHRISTIAN LIVING CONFERENCES CLARIFY OUR RELIGION

By The Rev. Peter Van der Hiel

Chairman

What Are They?

The Conferences are planned to show us "Why" and "How" the Church has an answer for a materialistic world. They will clear up many questions people have been asking as to the meaning of the teachings of Christ in a bewildered world. They will show us how we, as individuals, fit in the corporate body of Christ's Church. They will make religion really meaningful and life more purposeful. They intend to show us the "power" of a thorough Christian congregation. They will answer the longing of the soul in its search for "experiencing" a true relationship with God and man. They will tell us what Christianity really is.

How Are They Set Up?

By means of lectures, discussion groups and other methods, a team of experts will spend three nights and thoroughly dig into the real depths of our religion. God's redemptive pattern working through personal and corporate relationships with specific instructions how we Episcopalians can have a share in God's Master Plan. On the fourth night the team will sit down with vestries and leaders, selected by the rectors of each parish, and discuss how the conferences can be extended to the parishes and what steps should be taken to enrich the parish life.

Who Are The Leaders?

1. The Rev. Grant A. Morrill—Associate Executive Secretary of the Leadership Training Division in the Department of Christian Education of the National Council. He is extremely well equipped since he has been a rector of a parish, chaplain in the Navy, chairman of a diocesan Department of Christian Education, and is considered to be one of the outstanding leaders in the field of education in our Church.

2. Mrs. Ellwood Haines—a member of the staff of the Department of Christian Education of the National Council. Mrs. Haines has had wide and varied experience in many phases of the Church's life and is well fitted to make a valuable contribution to the life of the conference.

3. Miss Helene Schnurbush—also a member of the staff of the National Council's Department of Christian Education. Miss Schnurbush, because her work has been mostly with "younger" members of the Church, has important insights to share and much to give us as together we seek new understandings.

Who Should Attend?

ALL who want to play a more vital part in the Church of Christ should attend the three first meetings. Vestrymen, officers of various Church organizations, Church School leaders, devoted and consecrated laymen and laywomen—we need the very best members of the Church. Leaders appointed by the rectors to extend the conferences into the local parish should also attend the meeting on the fourth night.

How Should We Plan For It Now?

Use the prayer cards which have been distributed. See that posters are placed prominently in Church vestibules and Parish houses. Find out now when and where the team meets in your area. Be sure that no meetings are planned for any of the organizations during the time when the team is working in your area. Get people to sign up now, or soon, to commit themselves to attend the conferences, making arrangements for car pools or other means of transportation. Plan for it, realizing the deep significance of the conferences and the effect it will have in strengthening your parish.

Prayer For The Christian Living Conferences

With humble and penitent hearts we stand before Thee, O God, acknowledging that we have allowed the complexities and cares of the world to dim the glorious vision of Thy redeeming love. Restore this vision, O God, to its fullest blessing and answer the longing of our hearts by granting us the blessed experience of a true relationship with Thee and our fellowmen. To this end we beseech Thee to bless The Christian Living Conferences to be held in this diocese. We offer these conferences as an imperfect, yet earnest, token of our sincere desire to sacrifice our pride and complacency in order that we may grasp fully the richness of experiencing Thy divine indwelling; and thus strengthened by this power do our share as builders of Thy Kingdom. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Mrs. Haines

Mr. Morrill

Miss Schnurbush

ORDINATIONS

The Rev. Henry Moeller Prentiss, chaplain of the Valley Forge Military Academy, was advanced to the Priesthood by Bishop Hart in the chapel of the Academy on October 15. Chaplain Prentiss will continue to exercise his ministry at the Academy.

The Rev. William David Leech, vicar of Emmanuel Church, Quakertown, was advanced to the Priesthood by Bishop Hart in Emmanuel Church on All Saints' Day, Nov. 1. The ordinand will continue as vicar of the church in Quakertown.

★ ★ Merry Christmas ★ ★

CLERICAL BROTHERHOOD

On the first Monday in December Bryan Green will be the speaker, and on the first Monday in January the meeting will present the team from the National Council who are to conduct a series of conferences throughout the diocese on "Christian Living."

Nine of the retired clergy were guests of the Clerical Brotherhood at a recent meeting. The program consisted of a talk on "Latest Trends in New Testament Studies," by the Rev. Vincent F. Pottle, of the Philadelphia Divinity School faculty. After the meeting in the Church House the guests were entertained at luncheon in a near-by restaurant. Bishop Hart was present and spoke to the gathering.

Bishop Remington appeared before the Brotherhood during his visit in October and spoke on "The Nature and Function of the Church." The Rev. Marcel J. Brun, former president of the Brotherhood, spoke of conditions in the French churches as he found them in a visit last summer. The Brotherhood sent a message of greeting and encouragement to the Federation of French Churches.

Dr. Arthur Holmes, father of the Rev. David Holmes, rector of St. Stephen's Church, Norwood, a retired professor of philosophy and theology, has given one address to the Brotherhood, and will return again as speaker on the general theme of "Morality and Religion." The Rev. William H. Dunphy, rector of Christ Church, Ridley Park, was one of the speakers last month. His subject was "Tradition and Scriptures as Conceived by the Fathers."

The Rev. Andrew J. Blackwood, professor of Homiletics at Temple University spoke and led an interesting discussion on preaching at one of the November meetings. He expressed great admiration for Phillips Brooks and Frederick W. Robertson as Anglican preachers of great ability and inspiration. Robertson, said Dr. Blackwood, was a good example of modern preaching. He taught duty as well as doctrine. He presented a new method of dealing with soul disorders from the pulpit. He lived with truth until it made his heart burn, and then he communicated it to his listeners. The speaker said no branch of the Christian Church has contributed more to the art of preaching than the Anglican Communion.

Bishop Hart's Message

In October we had several area conferences to learn more of the program of the National Council and of the Diocese. These conferences were conducted for the most part by laymen and they did a splendid job. In presenting the Diocesan program, one of the laymen said, "We have right here in Pennsylvania a divinely created and divinely sustained society—the mystical body of Christ in which the human brethren are being sanctified. The diocese is not a budget with an administrative head—assistants, councils, committees, commissions—but by its very nature it is a unit of the Living Christ. It has but one purpose and that is redeeming men through Christ—taking us from what we are to what Christ wants us to be. As Saint Paul wrote to the Diocese in Corinth—'Ye who are sanctified in *Jesus Christ*—called to be Saints.' A diocese, this diocese is interested solely in souls, in calling men to be saints. How is it done?—Men, women and children are reborn and rejuvenated in Christ, brought into relationship with Him through baptism, become one with His Body. They then learn the Catechism and the Offices of Instruction in the Parishes of this diocese for fuller and more complete understanding of the unique relationship with Him. They are confirmed and receive the grace of the Holy Spirit by the laying on of hands not by but through a Bishop of the Diocese. They then throughout their lives, hear the Holy Word and receive the refreshing strength of the Body and Blood of Our Lord through the priests of this diocese. The other sacraments, marriage, absolution of sins, ordination and unction, are all depenednt for their validity and authenticity, and therefore, for their assuredness, upon the Episcopacy of our diocese. This is the Diocese of Pennsylvania. And to help in this is our business. The cup is offered unto us. Now to accomplish this in a faithful and orderly manner, there must be a plan, a program, cooperation, organization, assignment of duties.

We are the workers.
God the Father, created it all
God the Son, redeems it all—and
God the Holy Spirit, strengthens and sanctifies it all.

But not in a vacuum. It is done through men and women. The potentials are enormous—the challenge is thrilling."

I am certain that as more of our laymen gain such insights and become better informed about the work of the Church beyond their parishes, the Episcopal Church will become a stronger and stronger instrument in God's hands.

I do not want to make a special appeal for the Christmas Fund, but I think that I should remind you that this Fund serves a most useful purpose. Where it is needed, we supplement the pensions of widows of clergymen, retired clergy and deaconesses. Parishes and individuals, who desire to make a Christmas gift to this Fund are asked to send it to the Church House, marked clearly for the "Christmas Fund."

I am writing this a long time before Christmas but I pray that we may be ready to welcome the Christ Child into our hearts and thus have a Blessed Christmas.

YOUR BISHOP

Oliver J. Hart

THE BRYAN GREEN REUNION

The Rev. Bryan Green

Bryan Green is returning to Philadelphia for a Reunion on Monday, December 1, 1952. At his request the Irvine Auditorium, 34th and Spruce Streets, has been engaged for the Service which will be held at 8:15 p.m. We believe there were just about enough people won by the Mission which was held a year ago to fill this building for the Reunion. Arrangements have been made to use the University Museum in case of an overflow crowd. The Service will be "piped" there and both Bryan Green and Harold Frankham will appear there sometime during the Service.

There will be an opportunity for all the clergy to renew their contact with Bryan Green at the Clerical Brotherhood in the Church House, Monday, Dec. 1, at 11 a.m.

The schedule of engagements which has been arranged for Harold Frankham follows:

November 27—Thanksgiving Day

10:00 A.M.—Children's Service at St. Paul's, Chestnut Hill

November 30—Sunday

11:00 A.M.—Church of the Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse Square, will be broadcast over radio station WIP.

4:00 P.M.—Annual Youth Advent Worship Service at Christ Church, 2nd above Market Street

8:00 P.M.—Christ Church and St. Michael's, Tulpehocken and McCallum Streets, Germantown.

December 1—Monday

9:00 A.M.—Chapel Service at Episcopal Academy

Mrs. Bryan Green will be the speaker at a special service for women in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse Square, on Friday, November 28th, at 2:00 p.m.

The Rev. Harold Frankham

DIVINITY SCHOOL PREACHERS

Following is a list of the Preachers for the Thursday evening services at 5 p.m. in St. Andrew's Collegiate Chapel for the remainder of this year:

Oct. 30—The Rev. William Williamson, Grace Church, Honesdale, Pa.

Nov. 6—The Rev. C. Edward Hopkin, Ph.D., Holy Trinity Professor of Systematic Theology and Ethics, The Divinity School.

Nov. 13—The Right Rev. John Thomas Heistand, D.D., S.T.D., Bishop of Harrisburg.

Nov. 20—The Right Rev. Wm. Payne Roberts, D.D., Retired Bishop of Shanghai, China.

Dec. 4—Matriculation Service—The Rev. Earl Honaman, Rector, St. John's Church, York, Pa., President, the Divinity School Alumni.

Dec. 11—The Rev. Joseph Hudson Hall, III, A.M., Th.D., Assistant Professor of Ecclesiastical History, the Divinity School.

Dec. 18—The Rev. Charles E. Finch, B.D., A.M., Instructor in New Testament and Theology, the Divinity School.

ST. DUNSTAN CHOIR REORGANIZED

After several years of inactivity the St. Dunstan Men's Choir has been reorganized under the auspices of St. Mark's Church, Locust Street, and Mr. Wesley A. Day, Choirmaster, as Conductor.

It is the purpose of the choir, which is composed of experienced and able choristers, to present, from time to time, outstanding ecclesiastical works; but without conflict with the activities of established parish choirs.

The initial service has been scheduled for Christmas eve in St. Mark's Church. Definite announcements will be issued shortly.

Mr. Day, who recently joined the St. Mark's staff is a Fellow of Trinity College, London; a Fellow of the American Guild of Organists; was on the staff of Nashotah House, Wisconsin, and served on Diocesan Commissions on Music of Illinois, and Louisianna, and has been appointed to the Diocesan Commission of Pennsylvania.

As here-to-fore the choir will be independent of the funds of the parish, but will be dependent on the generosity of Life Members and Benefactors.

BEQUESTS, GIFTS, AND MEMORIALS

The Woman's Auxiliary of All Hallows Church, Wyncote, has contributed part of the cost and all of the work for the making of curtains in the basement Sunday School rooms.

New altar hangings were recently dedicated in the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Lansdowne, in loving memory of Lois H. Ough.

A reredos above the altar of the Church of the Epiphany, 57th St. and Baltimore Ave., was dedicated in October in loving memory of Mary Chester Parker.

$3,000 appropriated from the Bell Bequest has been spent for new cushions and kneelers for Calvary Church, Conshohocken.

At the Church of the Advocate, 18th and Diamond Streets, two new silver chalices were recently dedicated in loving memory of J. Theodore Ninesteel.

A memorial tablet has been placed on the north wall of the Church of the Resurrection, Broad and Tioga Streets, bearing the following inscription: "Endowment in Loving Memory of Charles A. Gill, Vestryman, Emma I. Gill, His Wife."

A set of Communion linens have been dedicated at St. Andrew's-in-the-Field, Somerton, in loving memory of John Edmund Sefton.

Mr. John Edward Hawkey, who died in September, left the sum of $600.00 to All Saints Hospital, Chestnut Hill.

Miss Emma F. Neilson, who died Oct. 18, in her will included among other bequests $10,000 to St. Clements Church and $3,000 to the Rev. Franklin Joiner, rector of St. Clements; $3,000 to St. Anna's Home; $2,000 to the Episcopal Hospital; $1,000 to the Rev. S. Tagart Steele, rector of St. Luke's Church, Germantown.

At St. James Church, Bristol, a new electric organ has been installed as a memorial to Louis C. Spring, Sr., Violetta Spring, Gertrude M. Spring, George Pearson Spring, and Gertrude Spring.

At Emmanuel Church, Holmesburg, an electronic organ has been given for use in St. Mary's Chapel in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Curtis. Also a processional cross for the junior choir and a register desk and book in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Walkden.

Two brass altar vases in memory of Joanna Bayard Crewitt were blessed at St. Luke's Church, Newtown, on the Sunday in the octave of All Saints.

At St. Luke's Church, Kensington, a window was given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Eva Boswell.

At St. Paul's Church, Chester, a baptismal font has been consecrated as a memorial to George P. and Natalie D. R. Monroe.

Advent Preparation for Christmas

A Meditation by

THE RT. REV. J. GILLESPIE ARMSTRONG
Suffragan Bishop of Pennsylvania

"Each of the great festivals of the Church is the center of a sacred season, which begins with a period of solemn preparation and ends with one of holy joy. Thus, Christmas is preceded by the season of Advent, which was formerly observed in much the same way as Lent, though with less strictness, and it is followed by the twelve days of festal joy which terminate with Epiphany. The services of Advent are intended to prepare us for a devout and solemn celebration of Christmas and for Christ's second coming."*

The period of Advent takes into consideration the problems which exist through sin in the exercise of free-will and free-choice. We need to remember that although sin, as such, is always conscious and deliberate, there are other times when we choose wrongly, blindly, and so are not personally accountable as sinners but the result in personal terms is the same. We do not behave as children of light and so fail to grow in Grace.

To make it possible for us to insure right choice God has provided His Church and her teaching. The Bible, which contains the truth of God which shall set men free; the sacred ministry devoted to the truth for Godly Counsel and advice as well as the assurance of and the gift of God's Grace in absolution and remission of sin are provided in God's Church. So to His faithful people God has provided a way—a way of assurance in which we can, day by day, come to love the things which God loves.

All too many of us lose sight of our deep and crying need for devotional use of the Old and New Testaments in our daily lives. We wonder why we get confused and are in bewilderment; find it difficult, if not almost impossible, to choose between that which is of God and that which is not. In trying to determine for ourselves, by ourselves, what God's will is we are deeply influenced by the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil which arise out of our subconscious in convincing rationalization.

We require that which is outside of ourselves and greater than ourselves to keep us reassured of that which is true. It is a common experience for us to find our prayer lives becoming self-centered instead of remaining as they started, clearly God-centered. The Church's prescription for this illness is a directed prayer life based on the structure of the Christian year as found in our Prayer Book. Our ministry, peopled though it is by fallible human beings, brings to us the assurance, in outward and visible form, of God's concern; His loving mercy and His strength to help us to overcome that which is destructive, disquieting and divisive.

Looked at in this light the four weeks preceding Christmas are a blessed opportunity for us to deepen and enrich the Father-child relationship that a loving Heavenly Father designed in His creation and continues in His constant re-creation in the devoted minds and hearts of His faithful. Only by preparing our hearts, our minds and our bodies by prayer, study, meditation and worship will they be fitting houses for the coming of the Lord Christ.

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* "The Prayer Book — Its History, Language and Contents" by Evan Daniel.

Woman's AUXILIARY

MRS. OLIVER J. HART, *Editor*

President's Message

The special emphasis of our Program Planning Sessions, October 28th and 29th, was preparation for the coming of the team on Christian Living, to the Diocese, January and February (1953). There was a good attendance of women who are concerned with making and carrying out plans and programs in parish and mission branches. We were most happy in our choice of speaker for this very important project. The Rev. Jesse McL. Trotter, member of the faculty of the Virginia Theological Seminary gave a foretaste of the experience in Christian Living in store for every member of the Diocese. Simply and clearly, Mr. Trotter gave the theology back of the plan. We heard profound truth in terms which we could understand and remember. We faced such questions as, "Why has the Bible lost so much of its force and influence in every day life? Why, in many homes, has it disappeared from the family 'living room' to be lost in the attic?"

Mr. Trotter placed before us the greatest drama of all time—the Drama of the Mighty Acts of God.

Act I. Creation. God created man in His own image. But man misusing his God-given freedom of choice exalted self. God ceased to be the center of man's life and became secondary to the individual and to groups of individuals called society. And so man separated himself from God.

Act II. God gave the Law to guide man back to Him. But man made the Law the center of his life and developed a religion of Law, of respectability, decency, honesty, success.

Act III. God gave Himself. He did for man what man could not do for himself. Through the mighty act of Redemption came religion of Grace. God gives, we have only to accept the gift, to live by it and grow through it. Note the contrast between this religion and the Religion of Law, through which man strives for goodness and hopes finally to find God at the foot of the Cross. The religion of Grace starts at the foot of the Cross with God, and extends out through all areas of living.

Mr. Trotter traced this great drama through the centuries of history, reminding us however that it is a real, living, present drama and that each one of us has his place on the stage. He ended on a note of hope that not the past but the future will see the great day of the Church. That ultimately all the fine things for which well intended people strive, under the religion of Law, which still binds most of us, will be gathered together under the leadership of the Church and that man will live by the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ—the religion of Grace.

Christmas—the Feast of the Nativity—may it bring to us all, as never before, the realization of the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

ELIZABETH C. BEATH

Regional Meeting in Lower Bucks County

The Woman's Auxiliary in the Church of the Incarnation, Morrisville, finding it difficult to get to the meetings at the Church House, but eager to hear and learn of the diocesan program, invited the "Flying Squadron" to come to them for a meeting in October. They shared this opportunity with others by inviting women from various parishes and missions in the Lower Bucks County area. It was an inspiring and instructive meeting. The representation was not so large in number of parishes; but the spirit and fellowship was splendid. It was so worth while that it is hoped the experience may be repeated at some later date.

The Josephine Poe Duer Memorial

A Committee headed by Mrs. William W. Arnett and with Mrs. P. Blair Lee, as Treasurer, raised a Memorial Fund in memory of Mrs. S. Naudain Duer.

The Women's Committee for the Philadelphia Orchestra received $1,405.00, the principal of which is to be invested and the income therefrom used for the purchase of student tickets to the Monday Concerts of the Philadelphia Orchestra.

The Philadelphia Divinity School received $4,000.00 to be designated as the Josephine Poe Duer Memorial Scholarship Fund. The income from this Fund is to be used towards a scholarship for a young man in the Divinity School, the recipient to be appointed by the Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

What a wonderful memorial to a very grand person. Mrs. Duer was Chairman of our Overseas Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary and, as far as possible, this scholarship fund will be used to help some man from a Missionary District to get his theological education. Where it is not needed for that purpose, it will be used to help a young man from this Diocese.

Christmas Packages

Friday, Dec. 12, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., will be a busy day in the W. A. building at the Church House, as it is the time when gifts by the thousands are wrapped for Christmas gifts distributed through missions and institutions in the diocese. This project is sponsored by the Department of Christian Social Relations, the Department of Christian Education. More people to wrap packages are needed. More money is needed also for the purchase on a wholesale scale of articles to be wrapped. There is a demand for twice as many packages as have previously been available. Please communicate with Mrs. Robert Toland, Chairman of the Christmas Committee, at the W. A. office in the Church House.

ADVENT QUIET DAY

At St. Margaret's House, 5419 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia 44, Pa., there will be an Advent Quiet Day for Women, Tuesday, December 2nd beginning with Holy Eucharist at 8:30 a.m. The day closes at 3:15 p.m. First Meditation 10:15 a.m. Conductor: The Reverend Peter C. Van der Hiel. Please register early with the Sister-in-Charge, VIctor 4-4612.

★ ★ Merry Christmas ★ ★

Women Organize to Help Divinity School

The new memorial building of the Philadelphia Divinity School will be dedicated in the spring, with three large classrooms, a recreation room, and twenty bedrooms. There is need for such things as desks, a piano for music rehearsals, and bedroom furnishings at $175.00 per room. It is hoped that these may be given as memorials.

The Bishop's Committee for the Divinity School, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Henry K. C. Biddle, has been formed to activate the interest of more of our people in the school. For further information concerning furnishings, contact Mrs. Edward J. Parnum, 5140 Newhall Street, Phila. 44, Pa.

This is your school. Helping your Divinity School, you help your Church, and you help in the work of God.

THE CO-OPERATIVE SHOP

The Founders Committee of the Co-operative Shop want to thank all the contributors of articles for The Co-operative Shop marked for *The Founders Committee.*

This is a challenge to every one interested in the work of this Diocese of the Episcopal Church. The dividend from the sale of these articles goes to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund, the Divinity School and other Church activities.

You not only help your Church, but you help yourself in finding a place, where all glass, china, bric-a-brac, furniture, pictures, books, mirrors, luggage, clothing, hats, shoes, jewelry—any and everything that you do not want *is wanted by someone.*

In sending clothing, please pack carefully. A garment that is free from wrinkles and has all its buttons brings a much higher price than one full of wrinkles and minus buttons.

Every contribution must be marked Founders Committee, Co-operative Shop, 1735 Sansom Street, Phila. 3, Pa.

CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB

The Church Periodical Club recently enjoyed the delightful color film "Light of the North" depicting Bishop Gordon's work in Alaska. And informal luncheon followed. At the combined Nov. and Dec. meetings on November 21 the additional Christmas-Book donors were assigned and boxes of games, puzzles, books and toys for Missions were packed.

WOMEN OF BIBLE CLASS WORK AT HOSPITAL

For the past year and a half the Women's Bible Class of the Church of the Messiah, Roosevelt Boulevard and Large Street, have been doing welfare work in connection with the Social Service Department of the Episcopal Hospital.

The work has included supplying eye glasses, a walker for a paralytic, clothing for the needy, candy and cigarettes for those confined to the men's Tuberculosis Ward, transportation for a muscular dystrophy patient.

The money for this work has been voluntarily contributed and the members have derived much pleasure in undertaking the project.

THE CHURCHWOMAN'S CLUB

Members of the Churchwoman's Club with its Tuesday meetings in the clubhouse at 1919 Walnut Street, have been enjoying the varied programs arranged so far this year by Miss Carrie Merryman.

On Dec. 23 all new members will be honored at a Christmas tea from 3 to 6 p.m. Membership is open to all women who are members of any Episcopal Church, and they will be welcomed as visitors at any time, regardless of membership.

The Club is grateful to Miss Helen Semple for the gift of three room-size oriental rugs.

PRESIDING BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE—1952

Christmas is near! We are told in advertisements the number of days remaining. The Post Office reminds us to mail packages promptly. The show windows of stores are filled to repletion. Lighted trees appear in city squares and on suburban lawns.

Yet amid all the distraction and bustle associated with the Christmas season, how many of the millions of our people will remember the deep inward spiritual meaning!

Here we recall the great event of all time. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. In a time of world confusion and perplexity, when many are anxious and overburdened, when others have lost their central purpose and way; surely at Christmastide comes the call to repentance, to re-consecration, and to thanksgiving to God. The real Christmas is not to be found in externals but within the human heart. As we kneel at the table of the Lord on Christmas Day, we learn one of the great lessons of life, that they who wait upon the Lord will renew their strength.

So I wish you a Christmas in which you will experience the gifts of the Living Christ. Yes, Christmas is near. This is the real significance of that fact of the calendar, Joy to the World! The Lord is Come.

HENRY K. SHERRILL
Presiding Bishop

Bishop and Mrs. Hart with their Grandson, Christopher Stanwood Hart.

Department of CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Children's Advent Offering

Our Church School Advent Offering will bring special cheer this year to the children of St. Thomas Church, West Philadelphia. As you all know, it was just a year ago that fire destroyed their church; and while they are looking forward to being in their new church in January, their parish house will not be completed for several years, due to lack of funds. However, the undercroft of the church will be usable, and by having two sessions the Church School can meet there. So—they have the space but nothing else! No chairs, tables, blackboards, pencils, Bibles, Prayer Books, Hymnals, lesson material! You can well imagine what it is going to mean to these children to know that Church School children throughout the diocese are thinking of them this year, remembering them in their prayers, and giving to them their Special Advent Offering that they may have some of the necessary equipment and materials for their Church School.

Church School By Mail

The Church School-by-Mail is relatively young in the church, and yet in our small (geographically) Diocese of Pennsylvania it is a healthy active sixteen year old. It has served over a thousand country children who otherwise would have received no regular and directed Christian education. We have a well planned curriculum to meet the needs of these children. Lessons are mailed monthly, one for each Sunday, with a set of questions to be answered and returned. The written work is corrected and returned to the children with letters to encourage interest and study.

Clergy in thirty-two Diocese and Mission Districts of the Protestant Episcopal Church are using the Church School-by-Mail for country children who live too far away for regular attendance at Sunday School. Thousands of children are kept in touch with their own church, and many with no church affiliation are brought into Christ's flock

If you have anyone in your parish who for one reason or another cannot attend Sunday School, we want you to know that this service is for you. All that is needed to enroll a child is his name, age and grade, and the names and addresses of the parents. The majority of the children on the Church School-by-Mail are secured by canvassing outlying sections for those who because of lack of transportation, economic reasons, or indifferent parents do not find a way to get to Sunday School.

Summer Conference Reunion

Hi! This means all of us—past, present, and future. Gather 'round and hear the good news. There's gonna be a chance for us to get together again come the 30th of November. We'll have lots of fun seeing the crowd who were with us at Summer Conference—and Mr. Frankham (Remember Hymn Number 5?) will be there too! So—mark your calendar and save the date 'cause we want to see you on November 30th!

ANNUAL YOUTH SERVICE

Old Christ Church
2nd Street above Market
4:00 Sunday, November 30, 1952
Preacher: THE REV.
HAROLD FRANKHAM
Rector of Middleton Parish,
Lancashire, England
Bryan Green's Co-Worker
5:00 Open House and Summer
Conference Reunion

Our Church School Children Give to Haiti

EGLISE EPISCOPALE D'HAITI

October 25, 1952

Miss Beryl M. Newman
202 West Rittenhouse Square
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

My dear Miss Newman:

Miss Gladys B. Quist has written me concerning your over-subscription of your pledge of $350.00 for the Christmas Box for Haiti. I hasten to write to you to assure you that this gift means more than you ever can imagine for our children out in the country in mountain districts, as well as for those in town. For many of them Christmas may mean little more than the assurance of a meal for that day. What a joy it is that the Church can bring to them some added little luxury like a candy or cookie that makes of this great day a real feast, so they can share it in this way with their more fortunate brethren of the world.

Many thanks from all of us in Haiti to all your young people of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

Believe me

Faithfully yours,

The Rt. Rev.
C. Alfred Voegeli, S.T.D.
Missionary Bishop of Haiti
Port au Prince, Haiti

We did oversubscribe our pledge by $87.41. This is even more than Bishop Voegeli knew of when he wrote the above letter. This will make our Christmas happier too!

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP

Seventy-two young people recently attended a Halloween "Hard Times" costume party at the Y.P.F. House in Whitemarsh, Pa. A guided horror tour took the youg people through death chambers, torture rooms and an electrocution chamber. Dancing, games and refreshments followed the tour.

Prizes were awarded to "Bathless Groggins" Joe Bee; "The Gruesome Two-some" Dave Graf and Millie Weiss; and "The Sophisticated Bum" Tom Robinson.

The young people of the Diocese are gathering together on the Friday nights in November for a series of Youth Workshops, at St. Mark's Church, 1625 Locust Street. During these workshops, under the able leadership of lay and clergy advisors, the young people will discuss the various phases of Wor-

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ship, Service, Study and Fellowship. This course of Leadership Training is being sponsored by the Diocesan Young People's Fellowship.

The Y.P.F. choir is in need of choir hymnals (with music). Anyone interested in donating new or used hymnals, please contact Mr. Fred Thomas, 1442 N. Felton Street or Mr. Herbert E. Rowe, 5714 Jackson Street.

The Extension Committee of the Diocesan Y.P.F. are eager to visit the parish youth groups of our Diocese to aid in establishing new groups or to talk with existing groups about the Diocesan set-up of Y.P.F. If your group is interested please contact: Mr. Thomas Robinson, Moreland and Ardleigh Streets, or Mr. Herbert Rowe, 5714 Jackson Street.

SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE

The 32d annual meeting of the Seamen's Church Institute was held recently in the auditorium of the institute at 211 Walnut St.

The Right Rev. J. Gillespie Armstrong, suffragan bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, officiated at memorial exercises preceding the business meeting.

The Rev. Percy R. Stockman, superintendent of the Institute, read a list of memory and reported memorial gifts received during the last year. Others participating included the Rev. Warren H. Davis, Jr., chaplain of the institute, and the Rev. George W. Dilworth, secretary of the Pennsylvania Bible Society.

More than 65,000 lodgings were recorded at the institute during the last year, of which 9398 were for needy seamen, it was announced. At the Port Richmond branch, 2815 E. Cambria St., a total attendance of 7186 was registered from 188 vessels representing 16 nationalities. The Maskline Clark Mariners' Home, a department of the institute, cared for 11 aged or disabled merchant seamen who received 1007 days' care and 3026 meals.

There were 156 devotional services held in the chapel with a total attendance of 4242. In addition, the Christian Endeavor Society of Pennsylvania conducted Monday evening services attended by more than 700.

More than 80,000 magazines and 14,000 books were distributed to ships in port and Travelers' checks were sold on board 42 American vessels for a total of more than $322,000. There were 59,095 served in the restaurant and 2421 pieces of luggage cared for.

140TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, NORRISTOWN

In a recent issue of *The Messenger* of St. John's Church, Norristown, was the following brief sketch of the building activities from the time the parish started in 1812 until today:

We praise God and worship Him in solemn thanksgiving for having put it into the hearts and minds of members of St. John's, reaching back 140 years to 1812 and all through the intervening years to erect this Church, to enlarge and beautify it, to re-erect it after the fire of 1898, and then again from 1926 to 1930 to rebuild the entire physical fabric as we have it today, with the exception of the two side walls of the Church, the west wall and tower. Even these were replastered inside and out, stone mullions inserted in place of wood for the windows and the tower somewhat changed. There have been countless numbers of devoted members of St. John's, 1812 to 1952, who have lovingly, zealously and with genuine sacrifice made possible in successive generations this historic church to witness to Christ as Saviour of the souls of men.

St. John's Church was begun in 1813 and finished in 1814, having four bays with four large windows on each side. A short tower was built at the East or Altar end of the Church. In the rectorate of the Rev. Nathan Stem, 1839-1859, the former rectory was built and a fifth bay with the tower was erected at the west end of the Church. In 1868 the former Parish House was built adjoining the Church, to replace a small frame Sunday School building behind the rectory. A disastrous fire did great damage to the Church on Feb. 18, 1898. Almost a year was required to rebuild the interior of St. John's, resulting in a dignified Church building of excellent ecclesiastical design. Then came the largest of all building operations in 1926 to 1930, when the whole physical fabric was rebuilt, enlarged and beautified at a cost of almost a half million dollars. During the past three summers Church, Parish House and Rectory have been renovated and a complete new heating system installed.

Greetings from Bishop Remington

My dear Friends:

In Christmas God gave and the Word became flesh. There He was all wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. The wonder and the glory of it makes all the Christian world a new world in which joy, love and peace prevail over tragedy, hate and war. No pagan threat can destroy that bond of fellowship, that precious circle into which the love of an Infinite God has drawn us through the gift of His Son.

From our new home in California, the Remingtons send greetings to all of our friends wherever they may be. The active duties of a Bishop may have been given up, but the ministry of friendship goes on for always. The ingatherings of memory are rearranged through the kaleidoscopes of many Christmases and the broken bits of colored glass take form like rose windows in a Cathedral.

We wish for you a home full of cheer and quiet confidence; a garden of your own planting; friends worthy to be loved, who return your sincere affection; a hundred innocent pleasures which bring no pain or remorse; a happy house full of the laughter of little children and beyond all a faith which receives what God gave on Christmas and then passes it on.

WILLIAM P. REMINGTON

In the DIOCESE

HENRY STUART PAYNTER, *Editor*

The people of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Essington, are accumulating a rectory fund which now amounts to about $2,000. The rectory, when constructed, will be in loving memory of two deceased clergymen who formerly ministered to this congregation: the Rev. Paul R. R. Reinhardt and the Rev. Frederick A. Warden.

Dr. Edgar C. Young, of the Philadelphia Divinity School faculty, recently spoke to the men of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Germantown, on "The Holy Scriptures and Their Value." He also addressed a community service at Pendley, Pa., on "The Purpose and Message of Bible Translations."

Family Day and Youth Sunday was recently observed at St. Barnabas Church, Germantown. There was a 7:30 service of Holy Communion, followed by breakfast. At the 11 o'clock service the guest speaker was Mrs. Elizabeth Gray Vining, author, traveler, and one time tutor to the Crown Prince of Japan.

Mrs. Sumner Cross, president of the Diocesan Altar Guild, spoke at All Hallows Church, Wyncote, on the work of that organization following a corporate communion of the Altar Guild of the parish. Members of the Altar Guild of the Huntingdon Valley Chapel were guests.

The Church Nursery Hour at All Hallows Church, Wyncote, is staffed by students from Beaver College who are members of the Canterbury Club of the college.

A baked goods sale was recently held in the parish house of St. John's Church, Lansdowne, for the benefit of the Seamen's Church Institute.

The Rev. Alfred M. Smith, Chaplain at the Eastern Penitentiary, recently addressed a meeting of the Catholic Laymen's Union at St. Paul's Church, Overbrook, on "Youth and the Church."

The Rev. Robert D. Morris, Chaplain of the Episcopal Hospital, was the preacher at a special service for physicians recently held in St. Mary's Church, Ardmore.

Mr. Allan Clayton, of the faculty of the Montgomery Day School, has become director of the junior choir of St. Mary's Church, Ardmore.

Ground has been broken for the construction of a new church for St. Andrew's - in - the - Field, Somerton. On Halloween 35 girls from the G.F.S. of this parish, calling themselves "The Friendly Beggars," gave a new slant to the celebration of the holiday by begging needles, pins, thread, soap, yarn, and wool for needy families overseas.

Capt. S. N. Payne, USN, recently addressed a meeting of the Old Christ Church Neighborhood Businessmen's Association on the subject of "The U. S. Navy in Turkey".

The Canterbury Club of the University of Pennsylvania recently presented Lady Margaret D'Arcy, an English journalist, author, and lecturer, in a free lecture on "Education in Britain: Your Schools and Ours," in the parish house of St. Mary's Church, 3916 Locust Street.

A portrait of Dr. E. Frank Salmon, a former rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse Square, by Mrs. Anna Thomson Achenbach, was recently included in a showing of this artist's paintings at the Women's City Club, 1622 Locust Street.

With Robert Woodside, of the Curtis Institute of Music as guest organist, the newly renovated organ of Christ Church and St. Michael's, Germantown, was rededicated. The cost of renovation was $4,600.

On election day services were held in Christ Church and St. Michael's, Germantown, every hour throughout the day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

St. James Church, Prospect Park, is raising $15,000 for the purchase of an adjoining property, including a double house. The property will be put in good order, and for the present the house will be rented. The purchase is being made for future expansion of the work of the parish.

The Rev. Richard H. Gurley, rector emeritus of St. Martin's Church, Radnor, was in attendance at the parish dinner which was held in the Wayne Hotel.

Mrs. Elizabeth S. Williams, a volunteer worker in the missionary field at Ambella, India, recently gave a lecture illustrated with slides on "Missions, Schools and Hospitals," under the auspices of the Medical Missionary Society in the parish house of the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr.

The Rev. Lars R. Bache-Wiig, rector of the Church of the Holy Sacrament, Highland Park, has been broadcasting over radio station WFIL Sunday nights at 11 p.m. on a program named "Get It Off Your Mind."

Six or seven older boys and girls who are now singing regularly in the church choir of the Chapel of the Prince of Peace, 22d and Morris Streets, "graduated" from the church school choir of the chapel.

Two instructional films: "Your Inheritance," and "The Offertory," were recently seen and discussed by the Young People's Fellowship of All Saints' Church, Wynnewood.

The 19th Sunday after Trinity, in the octave of St. Luke, was used by St. Luke's Church, Germantown, as a day of re-dedication, worship, and fellowship. Following the morning services in the church, the vestry held a parish reception in the parish house in the afternoon. There was a service of Evening Prayer, with an address, at 8 p.m.

At a recent meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Church of the Advent, Kennett Square, a "Panel of Experts" on the doctrine and practice of the Episcopal Church answered the questions presented on this subject. The Auxiliary has provided a duplicating machine to produce the "Advent Chronicle."

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We have found through the years that many Episcopalians like to give their fellow Churchmen subscriptions to THE CHURCH NEWS for Christmas gifts. We send an appropriate Christmas Card to announce the gift, and the monthly visit of the magazine is continuing experience of the Christmas spirit. Please fill in the form on page 24 of this issue.

People who have just been confirmed would especially appreciate this sort of a gift. Shut-ins or others who for any reason are unable to attend the worship and other activities of the church always are glad to read in THE CHURCH NEWS what is going on. Thousands of our people read from cover to cover. No church home should be without THE CHURCH NEWS. Give it now as a Christmas gift from one Christian to another.

The price for each subscription is only one dollar per year, which is not much more than the cost of a nice Christmas card which lasts for a very brief season. We will appreciate your prompt response to this suggestion.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH BOOSTS THE CHURCH NEWS

What is being done at St. Mary's Church, 3916 Locust Street, to gain subscribers for THE CHURCH NEWS can be done in any parish or mission in the diocese. We quote from a recent issue of the parish leaflet of St. Mary's Church:

As you know, this valuable magazine is published each month except during the summer. It carries not only general items of interest to people of this Diocese, but also an important message from the Bishop. It is, in fact, a real medium of information for all members of the Diocesan family. Bishop Hart urges every Churchman in the Diocese to avail himself of this means of keeping informed. The cost is modest, only $1.00 for a year.

Miss Sue Search of this Parish has volunteered her services as subscription agent for THE CHURCH NEWS, and she will be available at the rear of the Church after today's Service at 11:00 to enroll your name on the Parish list of subscribers. After twenty-five or more subscriptions have been obtained, Miss Search will submit the names to the circulation office for the magazine —and that office will make a rebate of 50c on each subscription; this rebate will be turned over at once to the Philadelphia Divinity School.

Subscribe today! Keep posted! Get this double bargain! Help yourself, and the Divinity School at the same time!

INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR CLERGY

The Corporation for the Relief of Widows and Children of Clergymen in the Communion of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, better known as "The Widows Corporation," was founded in 1769. For over one hundred and eighty years this Corporation has been administered by a Board of outstanding laymen and clergymen serving without pay for the benefit of the families of Episcopal clergymen in Pennsylvania.

Out of approximately 600 clergymen in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 145 hold life insurance policies of this Corporation, while an even greater number of policies (161) are held by clergymen formerly canonically resident in Pennsylvania, but now living outside of the State. Since only married clergymen under seventy years of age (or widowers with one or more living children) are eligible, it would appear that a substantial proportion of those qualified already hold policies of this Corporation. Policies are issued on a "straight life basis" at extremely low premium rates, but, in spite of these rates, the earnings of the Corporation have for many years been sufficient to enable the Corporation to declare the policies "paid up" and to commence the refunding of premiums after the premiums have been paid for a period varying from fifteen to twenty years. It is interesting to note that of the 306

ANOTHER NEW CHURCH COMPLETED AND NOW IN USE

St. James Church, Green Ridge

living policyholders 217 have been notified that their policies have been "paid up" and are now receiving annual refunds against premiums previously paid. It is more noteworthy that 74 policy holders have had their total premiums refunded in full.

On the death of the policyholders, the proceeds are payable to the widow and/or children, either in cash or in the form of an annuity or may be left at interest, with the right to draw on principal in amounts not exceeding 10% of the principal in any one year.

Insurance with this Corporation is limited to $10,000 ($6,500 if the applicant is sixty years of age or over). A large list of examining physicians throughout the State, appointed by the Corporation, offers convenient facilities for all applicants. The Corporation is not only willing, but anxious, to extend the benefits enjoyed by its policyholders to as many clergymen in the State of Pennsylvania as can qualify for this insurance. Full information can be obtained upon request from F. C. Wheeler, Treasurer, Room 1705—Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Building, 123 S. Broad Street, Philadelphia 9, Pa.

CLERICAL CHANGES

The Rev. Oscar deW. Randolph, formerly assistant at the Church of the Holy Apostles and the Mediator, 51st and Spruce Streets, is now rector of St. Paul's Church, Greenboro, Alabama.

The Rev. Stanley A. Powell has given up his work at Christ Church, Eddington, to devote himself to St. Paul's Church, Edgely, and the new nearby community of Levittown, where he is now in residence.

The Rev. Robert H. Stetler, in addition to his work as rector of St. Alban's Church, Roxborough, is serving as Director of Youth Work at Christ Church and St. Michael's, Germantown.

ELEMENTS FOR COMMUNION PRESENTED BY LAYMEN

At a recent service for the celebration of Holy Communion in St. Mary's Church, Ardmore, at the time of the offering lay representatives of the congregation brought to the officiating clergy the bread box and the cruets of wine, together with the money offering. The paten and the chalice were then prepared by the celebrant and his assistant at the altar rail before all the people. By this revival of an ancient custom the congregation becomes more attentive to the Offertory action and more conscious of their privilege and responsibility in connection with the same.

THE REV. RAYMOND A. GILL WILL GO TO AFRICA

The Rev. Raymond A. Gill, a priest of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, has sent us the following information, which will be of great interest to his many friends:

St. Andrew's Day will mark my eighth anniversary of Ordination by Bishop Hart (in St. Gabriel's Church, Olney). I still belong to the Diocese of Pennsylvania. The Father Superior of the Order is the Right Reverend Robert E. Campbell, O.H.C., retired, of Liberia.

The Rev. Raymond A. Gill

St. Augustine Chapel, the main Monastery Chapel will be the scene of the solemnities at ten in the morning. Visitors are welcome; many guests have been invited. Father Leopold L. Kroll, O.H.C., a former Prior of the Order's house at the Holy Cross Liberian Mission, will preach the sermon.

The newly Professed Monk, who served a tour at the Holy Cross Mission as a secular (as contrasted to Religious) member of the staff during the war, and was in charge of St. Bartholomew's Church, Wissinoming in 1947-48, has been assigned to the work of the Mission in Africa by his Superior. He sails from New York on January third with the Brother Sydney, O.H.C., who will be ordained to the Diaconate in Monrovia by Bishop Harris of Liberia. From there, the new Monk and the new Cleric will travel the two-hundred-fifty miles into the interior to the Mission at Bolahun.

IN THE DIOCESE

The Rev. William D. Powell, executive secretary of the Philadelphia Council of Churches, recently spoke at a Sunday morning service in St. Peter's Church, Glenside, on "Inter-Church Cooperation."

On a recent Sunday evening an "Old Timers' Service" was held at the Chapel of the Prince of Peace, 22d and Morris Streets. Special guests were the former vicar, the Rev. Joseph P. Morris, and Mrs. Morris.

A "Book of Remembrance" was recently dedicated at the Church of Our Saviour, Jenkintown. It will eventually contain a list of all the memorials given to this church in the past and will record future gifts.

The Men's Club of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse Square, has furnished a visitors' register, which is kept at the entrance of the church. This organization occasionally sends holiday cards and communications to those who have registered. The club is also responsible for a "coffee hour" on Sundays following the morning service.

A motion picture, "The Light of the North," was shown in place of the sermon in the Church of the Epiphany, Germantown, Nov. 9. Mr. Sidney B. Dexter spoke on Nov. 16 on "The Church at Work."

The men of Christ Church, Media, have inaugurated "Operation Doorbell," whereby each parishioner will be visited twice a year for the purpose of imparting information concerning the life of the parish.

Men of the parish have recently accomplished by the work of their own hands the restoration of the chapel at the Church of the Crucifixion, 8th and Bainbridge Streets. The organ has been cleaned and renovated at a cost of $800.00.

The 25th anniversary of the dedication of All Saints' Church, Crescentville, was observed Nov. 23, with a service of gratitude for the consecration and generosity of the donor, the late Maud Fisher.

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LAYMEN LEAD IN CANVASS PLANS

By Richard A. Angus

More than 400 interested laypersons together with a number of the Diocesan clergy attended the six Area Conferences conducted by the Field Department in October. An interesting and uniform program was worked out which featured presentation of the National Church Program, the work of the Church in the Diocese and talks on the Every Member Canvass by laymen. Bishop Hart and Bishop Remington delivered the inspirational addresses while the Film Strip "All That I Am" and the full color motion picture "Strength of The Hills" were shown in the course of the Program which ran from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The series opened on October 4th at the Church of The Holy Nativity in Rockledge where the Rev. Herbert Jones conducted a most interesting tour of this very beautiful church. Under the Chairmanship of James Noble of Zion Church the meeting progressed smoothly with Henry Beck of Christ Church, Media, speaking on the National Church, Elmer Gaumer of Zion Church presenting the Diocesan Story, Richard Angus Co-Chairman of the Department talking on the Every Member Canvass and William Neill of Zion Church presenting the Film Strip "All That I Am." After an excellent supper prepared by the Ladies of Holy Nativity, Bishop William P. Remington delivered an excellent talk keyed to the thought of our obligations towards our Church and the obligations of our Church toward us.

The following Saturday the Rev. Thorne Sparkman was host to the Conference at Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr. Mr. Clarence Hall of St. Asaph's was chairman and Mr. William B. MacIlwaine, of Trinity Memorial, Philadelphia, spoke on the National Church. Mr. Ronald McCarthy of the Church House staff gave the Diocesan presentation. Once again Bishop Remington spoke at the evening session while Bishop Hart and Dr. Jarden Guenther, Chairman of the Field Department were both in attendance.

Two meetings were held on Saturday the 18th. Rev. B. Janney Rudderow had the best attended meeting of the series at Trinity Memorial Church, Philadelphia. Approximately 100 were in attendance and Mr. MacIlwaine acted as Chairman. The National Church Story was presented by Mr. Angus and Mr. Hall gave his authoritative report on the Work of the Diocese. Mr. Isaac E. Leech of the Church House Staff spoke on the Every Member Canvass and in the evening session Bishop Hart gave way to the Rev. Charles Long, Jr., who is Assistant Secretary of the Overseas Department of the National Council. Supper, buffet style, was a tremendous success and once again the Field Department was indebted to the Ladies.

At Trinity Church, Swarthmore, Rev. Lawrence Whittemore held an excellent meeting on the same afternoon. Mr. Beck was Chairman of the conference and also handled the National Church presentation. Bishop Armstrong made an excellent address on the Work of the Diocese and Mr. Ray Bates handled the Every Member Canvass. Joseph Cuza of St. Jude's, Plymouth Meeting, also contributed to the Conference by discussing the problems of a new Church in a growing community. Once again the inspirational talk was given by Bishop Remington who performed yeoman service throughout the whole series.

The Conferences concluded with two more meetings on Saturday, October 25th. At St. Martin-in-the-Fields the Rev. Philemon Sturges entertained one of the best groups that was distinguished by the high percentage of men attending. Bruce Cashmore of St. John's, Norristown, was Chairman and an excellent presentation of the work of the National Church was made by Sidney Dexter of St. Paul's, Chestnut Hill. Mr. Dexter had taken the time and trouble to visit national headquarters in New York where he had an opportunity to talk to various Department Heads; this enabled him to speak with real authority. The Talk on the Diocese was delivered by Fred Mauck of St. Peter's in the Great Valley, while Rev. Nathanael Groton of St. Thomas, Whitemarsh, gave a most interesting picture of the method used in his parish to conduct the Every Member Canvass. After supper—another delicious meal for only $1.00—Bishop Hart spoke to a most attentive audience.

Meanwhile at Holy Trinity, West Chester, the Rev. Kenneth Anthony had another meeting under way. Fred Wheeler of All Saints, Wynnewood was Chairman and also gave the story of the National Church. Mr. Frederick Drayton, of Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, made the Diocesan presentation. Bishop Remington again talked at the evening meeting to conclude his work on this program in our Diocese.

As Bishop Hart said in his talk at St. Martin's, these conferences have given us a start in the right direction toward securing greater participation by laymen in such work of the Church as they may be best qualified to perform. There have been numerous justifiable criticisms of the conferences, ranging all the way from the time at which they were held to the context of the material used. Comments will be welcomed by the Field Department for it seems that the Conferences were sufficiently successful to warrant continuation in the future even though they may be changed in many ways.

The Department is greatly indebted to all the clergy and laypersons who contributed to the success of the series of meetings. Another year we shall need more publicity and effort devoted to securing representation from more Parishes and Missions. However, the great cooperation evidenced by so many people gives promise for the future. As a final reminder it is well to point out that all, or any portion, of this program is available for Parish use. Many calls are coming in for the Film, "Strength of the Hills" and we suggest you call the Church House so as to assure a booking.

★ Merry Christmas ★

FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY ALL SAINTS' DARBY

The 40th anniversary of the laying of the corner stone of the "Darby Episcopal Mission" was recently marked at All Saints' Church, Darby, when there was repeated the same service that was used on that historic occasion in 1912. The Rt. Rev. Philip M. Rhinelander was Bishop of Pennsylvania in 1912 and officiated at the original ceremony.

The cost of the grounds, parish house and rectory amounted to $27,183.12. An organ was given to the mission, and its installation involved alterations to the building costing $2,077.00. Grading of ground has cost over $5,000.00. $1,000 has been spent for lighting fixtures and $1,312.00 for pews. Many gifts and memorials (furnishings, etc.) have been listed.

Among the clergy who have served in Darby are the Rev. Charles A. Mason, Rev. Augustus W. Shick, Rev. William H. Anthony, Rev. Charles A. Ricksecker, Rev. George B. Krantz, and Rev. Charles D. Snowden, who has been in charge since December 1948 and has changed the status of All Saints' Church from that of a diocesan mission to a parish. In May, 1951 the parish was admitted to the Diocesan Convention, and on June 12, 1951, Bishop Hart instituted the Rev. Charles D. Snowden as rector.

RUSSIAN SINGERS VISIT ALL HALLOWS CHURCH, WYNCOTE

A special musical service of great interest was recently given on a Sunday afternoon at All Hallows Church, Wyncote, by the choir of the Russian Orthodox Church of Our Lady of All the Joy of Sorrow, 6th and Brown Streets, Philadelphia.

The Choral Evening Service was beautifully sung in the Russian language by this group of displaced persons who love to render the sacred music of their native land. The service of worship was conducted by the Rev. Eugene Lyslow, rector of the Russian Church, and the Rev. Vladimir Strelritski, deacon. The Reader was Mr. Eugene Komemarevich and the Choir Director was Eugene Beloshitskaya.

Following the service there was a tea and reception in the parish house, when the choir sang again and a group of dancers entertained in native costumes.

IN GOD'S KEEPING

The Rev. George Griffiths Bartlett, retired Dean of the Philadelphia Divinity School, died on Oct. 7 and was buried from St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill, Oct. 10. Before joining the faculty of the Divinity School he had served as curate of Grace Church, New York; rector of St. Paul's Church, Overbrook; dean of the Cathedral of the Merciful Saviour, Fairbault, Minn.; rector of the Church of Our Saviour, Jenkintown. When THE CHURCH NEWS was started in 1912 Dr. Bartlett was made its Editor-in-Chief. With the help of four associate editors, a business manager and a secretary he carried on in this capacity for several years, establishing fine standards of journalism from the very beginning.

Mrs. Emilie Suydam Moore, widow of the late Rev. Henry McKnight Moore, a priest of this diocese, died on Nov. 1 and was buried on Nov. 5. Her husband founded the Church of the Reconcilliation, located at 51st and Spruce Streets, which later became the Chapel of the Mediator of Holy Apostles Parish.

Mrs. John Schmidt, a faithful and active member of St. Elisabeth's Church, 16th and Mifflin Streets, died on Oct. 24 and was buried from the church on Oct. 29. She had been baptised in the old Church of The Evangelists before St. Elisabeth's was organized. She loved to sew and work for the altar. At her burial her son sang in the choir and three grandsons served at the altar.

Mr. Mitchel Ancker, a former vestryman of St. James Church, Bristol, died on Oct. 16 and was buried from the church on Oct. 18, with interment in the church yard.

Mr. J. Bartlett Mearns, a former vestryman of St. Stephen's Church, 19 S. 10th Street, died Oct. 27 and was buried Oct. 29.

Mr. Edwin A. Garrett, father of the Rev. Edwin A. Garrett III, vicar of St. Martin's Church, Oak Lane, died Oct. 16 and was buried Oct. 20.

Prof. Wilbur M. Urban, retired head of the Graduate School of Yale University, who died in New Haven on Oct. 16, was buried from St. John's Church, Norristown, Oct. 21, with interment in the adjoining church yard. He was the son of the late Rev. A. L. Urban, sometime in charge of the Church of the Epiphany, Royersford, and the Church of the Holy Trinity, Lansdale. Prof. Urban had also taught at Trinity and Dartmouth Colleges and the Berkley Divinity School.

Miss Susanne Randall Williams, who died Nov. 4 and was buried from the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, Nov. 6, was the daughter of the late J. Randall Williams, former Accounting Warden of the Church of Redeemer.

HUNTINGDON VALLEY CHAPEL CHURCH YARD PLANTED

The yard of the Huntingdon Valley Chapel, Meadowbrook, has been extensively planted, in memory of the late Warden, Daniel Swab Whiteman, with holly, hemlock, and oak trees, and with yew, box, azalea, and andromeda bushes.

IN THE DIOCESE

A new attraction at the annual bazaar for the Chapel of the Prince of Peace, 22d and Morris Streets, was "An Amateur Hour." Each night of the bazaar produced a different program. There were formal entry arrangements, prizes, and judges.

A Young People's Fellowship has been organized at Christ Church, 2d above Market Streets, with the following officers: President, Bill Kampf; Vice-Presidents, Jerry Galleo, Carl Zuber, Tommy Clegg, Ida Ford; Secretary, Mary Schickner; Treasurer, Penny de Bordenave.

Fifty laymen of Holy Trinity Church, West Chester, recently spent a week-end in the study of the Bible. The Rev. E. A. de Bordenave, rector of Old Christ Church, Phila., was the leader of the conference of lectures and discussions.

The Rev. E. Felix Kloman, former rector of Christ Church, Philadelphia, was recently installed as dean of the Virginia Theological Seminary at Alexandria, Va.

The Needlework Guild of Prospect Park held its annual fall ingathering in the parish house of St. James Church in that community.

Breakfast is served after the 9 o'clock service at St. John's Church, Norristown, every Thursday morning during the fall, winter, and spring. There is an average attendance of 50 at the daily Eucharists in this parish.

The 40th Anniversary of St. Monica's Mission, Woodland Ave. and St. Mark's Street, West Philadelphia, was recently observed with a four day celebration. Wednesday was Community Night with Miss Nellie Bright as the speaker. Thursday, Anniversary Banquet, with the Rev. James M. Niblo, of Norristown as speaker. Friday, Evening Prayer with sermon by the Rev. Arthur C. Moore, former vicar of St. Monica's and now rector of St. Simon's Church, New Rochelle, N. Y. Sunday, Confirmation and sermon by Bishop Hart.

★ ★ **Merry Christmas** ★ ★

Diocesan Retreat for Men

By Federico F. Mauck

In the conducting of "The First Diocesan Retreat" at Spring Mountain House, Schwenksville, October 31st, November 1st and 2nd, Bishop Armstrong gave the twenty-four retreatants great expectations of receiving God's voice during the practice of silence and twenty-five hundred positive thoughts upon "The Creation," "Sin and the Fall of Man," "The Incarnation," "The Atonement," and "The Church and You." His concluding statement was, "You cannot love God whom you have never seen if you do not love your fellow men, whom you see every day—that is the Church." The drama of "From God's Creation to you and the corporate Church" gave each of the retreatants the fullness of our Catholic faith in all its truth and beauty. The Bishop was available for private conference and confessions between his presentation of his Meditations.

This meeting was the first Diocesan-wide Retreat for men, having been preceded by two Devotional Conferences, one in May led by the Rev. Thorne Sparkman, rector of The Redeemer, Bryn Mawr; and the other in September, led by the Rev. William J. Alberts, rector of Christ Church, Media. The meetings were sponsored by The Association for Devotional Conferences and Retreats for the Laity in the Diocese of Pennsylvania. The total attendance has been forty-nine, made up of thirty-five men from twenty-four different parishes. Arrangements will be made to resume the Devotional Conferences and Retreats as soon as a suitable place for the winter months can be secured. The aid and cooperation of all priests and laymen is sought in furthering this movement. Future plans will be announced in The Church News. Inquiries may be addressed to F. F. Mauck, 412 DeKalb Street, Norristown, Pa.

The names of those who attended the Devotional Conferences and Retreat are as follows:

Aiken, Hugh (N)—St. Martin's, Radnor
Asseo, Leon (N)—Christ, Pottstown
Ballard, L. W. (N)—St. Mary's, Ardmore
Bromley, Charles (M, N)—St. Christopher, Gladwyne
Cleaves, William (N)—Trinity, Swarthmore
Coulthard, Harry (N)—Church of The Advocate
Cuza, Joseph (M, S)—St. Jude and the Nativity
Danforth, William (N)—Trinity, Swarthmore
Gunning, Jr., John (N)—Cathedral Church of Christ
Hartman, Albert (S, N)—Christ, Pottstown
Heckler, The Rev. Melvin H. (M)—St. Martin's, Marcus Hook
Heckscher, Ledyard H. (N)—St. Martin's, Radnor
Hogarth, Bruce (N)—St. Martin's, Radnor
Kaltenbach, Harry (M. S)—St. Peter's, Phoenixville
Kellogg, Howard (M)—St. Christopher, Gladwyne
Lloyd, Harry (M, S, N)—St. Mark's
Lorrilliere, Francis (N)—St. Luke
Mauck, Federico F. (M, S. N)—St. Peter's-in-the-Great Valley
Maxwell, Charles (S)—Christ, Pottstown
McKannon, David (M, N)—St. Barnabas
Mills, William (S, N)—Christ, Pottstown
Muthard, William (S)—Coatesville
Packer, Walter (N)—St. Philip's
Pierce, James (N)—Good Shepherd, Rosemont
Scarborough, Edwin (N)—St. Paul, Doylestown
Schacht, Reimer (N)—Holy Apostles
Sheehan, Thomas (N)—St. Barnabas
Sibre, J. T. (M)—Trinity, Ambler
Storm, Thomas (N)—Christ, Pottstown
Snyder, Freas B. (N)—St. John's, Lansdowne
Swindel, Sidney (N)—St. Michael's
Vail, Alfred (M)—Good Shepherd, Germantown
Whelan, Donald (S)—Christ, Pottstown
Wolf, James (S)—St. Martin's, Radnor
Wright, Spencer (M, N)—St. Thomas

The letters M, S, N indicate the month attended.

Bishop Armstrong and Laymen Attending Retreat at Spring Mountain House

THE FOSTER PARENT PLAN

You should know that if trouble strikes, the Episcopal Church stands ready to care for the children of its members.

Too few of us realize that this program is available. Yet all of us, as well as our relatives and friends, are subject to the human ills of sickness, death, or serious family misunderstandings which too often disrupt children's lives.

The Foster Parent Plan is designed to meet such adverse conditions. It provides care for children whose families are unable, even temporarily, to provide normal home life for their offspring; whether they be infants or adolescents.

This Plan is administered by the Protestant Episcopal City Mission. Its successful operation over a long period of time has been unheralded but rewarding. For its work has resulted in blessings beyond description to children, to the parents of those children, and to the Foster Parents who have enlightened their own lives with the joy which only sharing can bring.

The Plan is as logical as it is resultful. Church families volunteer as Foster Parents, and after careful checking on their qualifications they are made eligible to receive a child, or several children, into their homes for care and upbringing. These wards may remain with the Foster Parents for a few months, or possibly for many years.

Every effort is made by the City Mission to keep families together so that Foster Parent care will not be necessary. Failing in this the Mission continually works toward rehabilitation of the family, so that the children may be returned to their own homes when the parents are once again able to provide adequately for their physical and moral welfare.

Foster Parents must be financially independent, but receive an allowance to cover the expenses of the child with whom they are entrusted. They should be active members of the Church, and have sufficient house space to accommodate their charge. Most of all they must be understanding, sympathetic, and have a genuine fondness for children.

You can help beyond measure in this important work by simply doing two things.

First by telling other Episcopalians about the Foster Parent Plan. Thus all members of our Church may know where to seek help in caring for their children in time of distress.

Secondly you may know of some family who would be willing to share their life and happiness with children of less fortunate circumstance. Their inquiry, directed to the City Mission, as to full details of the Plan will help your Church to provide a backlog of suitable homes against the needs which may arise.

Foster Parents must be responsible citizens and of good standing in their community. And they must be real partners in this enterprise on the child's behalf. Willing to share the problems involved with the child's parents and the City Mission toward the longed-for day when the child may be returned to its normal life.

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—*St. John's (Norristown) Messenger*

IN THE DIOCESE

Men of the Church of the Epiphany, Germantown, have renovated and enlarged the kitchen in the parish house. A large refrigerator has been supplied by a member of the parish.

Twenty-seven girls reported for the first rehearsal of a new Girls' Choir for Trinity Church, Swarthmore.

The Rev. Alfred W. Price, rector of St. Stephen's Church, Phila., was the speaker at the 34th reunion and dinner of Co. B, 104th Engineers Association at Mt. Holly, N. J.

A new use for the new parish house at Christ Church, Media, has developed in the form of a "Coffee hour" following the eleven o'clock service on the first Sunday of the month.

At St. Elisabeth's Church, 16th and Mifflin Streets, October 15 was observed as a special day of prayer in connection with the Tenth Anniversary of the Consecration of Bishop Hart. There were two services in the morning and the church was kept open extra hours in the evening. All parishioners were asked to make their communion or spend a half hour in church to pray in behalf of God's blessing upon the Bishop of Pennsylvania.

★ ★ Merry Christmas ★ ★

IN THE DIOCESE

Mrs. H. Karl Luthe, chairman of the Women's Division of the American Church Union, recently spoke to a gathering of women at St. Mark's parish hall, 1625 Locust Street, on "Women's Work of the American Church Union."

An Advent Preaching Mission, sponsored by the Clericus of Northeast Philadelphia, will be held in St. Luke's Church, Huntingdon and B Streets, on Wednesday evenings, Dec. 3, 10, and 17, at 8 p.m. Missioners will be the Rev. David Finch, of the Philadelphia Divinity School faculty, and the Rev. William Eckman, curate at Chirst Church, Phila.

Mr. Harvey E. Mertz, verger at Christ Church, Phila., for more than 35 years, recently retired from active duty and has been appointed by the rector to "the honorary office of Verger of Christ Church."

The Rev. Frank Williamson, vicar of St. Michael's Chapel, Yeadon, recently addressed the Men's Discussion Group of St. James Church, 6838 Woodland Avenue, on "The Monastic Life."

A Quiet Day for Women of West Philadelphia was held on Nov. 6 at St. George's Church, 61st Street and Hazel Avenue.

***The Cathedral Chronicle* has been started at the Cathedral Church of Christ, Roxborough. It will be published monthly and sent to all who may be interested in the activities at the Cathedral.**

Sunday, Nov. 23 was observed as the 25th Anniversary of the consecration of the new building at All Saints' Church, Crescentville. The present church replaces a previous building which was destroyed by fire. A flood light has been installed on the front of the church to light the cross from sunset until midnight. A second bus has been engaged to bring children to All Saints' Sunday School from new developments in Melrose Park and Oak Lane Manor.

A teacher in one of our Church Schools, reading a passage from the Bible, came across the word "sinners," and asked if anyone knew the meaning of the word. "I know," piped up one of the small children, "we have cinders in our back yard."

Mr. C. Dudley Ingerson, formerly a Methodist missionary in China and Malaya, has become headmaster of the Pen Ryn Episcopal Day School at Andalusia, Pa., under the auspices of All Saints' Church, Torresdale.

The Rev. Franklin Joiner, rector of St. Clement's Church, 20th and Cherry Streets, recently celebrated his 65th birthday with a service in the church at 8 p.m. and a party for parishioners in the parish house at 8:30 with music, speeches, and refreshments.

Bishop Hart participated at ceremonies at the planting of "The Centennial Oak" at the Episcopal Hospital in connection with the One Hundredth Anniversary of that institution.

In connection with a recent convention of the Pennsylvania League of Nursing Education the Episcopal Hospital was host at a tea for student delegates at the House of Colonial Dames. At the same time another tea for delegates in a different category was being held at the nurses' residence at the hospital.

The parish house of St. Andrew's Church, Somerton, was used as a polling place on election day.

A Quiet Evening was held recently in St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill, beginning at 6 p.m., including these features; organ meditation, talk by the Rev. Alfred Smith, City Mission Chaplain, supper in the parish house, 2d talk by Chaplain Smith, reading period, third talk by the chaplain, another reading period, closing prayers.

Parishioners have installed new lights in the parish house of the Church of the Atonement, Morton, and supplied new window curtains for the same building.

The Young People's Fellowship of the diocese has established a Speakers Bureau which is prepared to supply speakers for youth meetings. The chairman of the Bureau is Miss Dorothy Faulkner, 601 Disston St., Phila.

Bazaars are held most everywhere as part of church activities; but St. James, Prospect Park, had an unusual name for its effort along this line. They called their bazaar "The Canterbury Market."

Miss Jane Collins, of All Saints' Church, Norristown, was one of nine girls selected from various parts of the U. S. to attend a Christian Citizenship Seminar in New York, sponsored by the Girls' Friendly Society in connection with the Society's 75th Anniversary.

The Church of the Ascension, West Chester, was host to a series course of addresses and discussions on "Human Relations in the Community," under the auspices of the West Chester Fellowship. The parish hall of this church was also used for a reception for students from Chaney and West Chester State Teachers' Colleges.

New Episcopal Church signs have been placed at either end of Oak Road directing persons to the Church of the Good Shepherd, which is located about half way between the signs.

The Rev. Harry Ingram Fell recently observed his fifth anniversary as rector of St. Giles Church, Stonehurst.

Bishop Remington was guest preacher at a service marking the 77th anniversary of Trinity Memorial Church, 22d and Spruce Streets.

The Rev. J. Wesley Twelves was the preacher at an evening service in observance of the 20th anniversary of St. Matthias Church, 7485 Briar Road, West Oak Lane.

Bishop Armstrong commemorated the third anniversary of his consecration with a celebration of the Holy Communion in the Bishops' Chapel in the Church House.

At All Saints' Church, Torresdale, Bishop Hart recently confirmed a class of 93 persons presented by the Rev. Percy J. Brown, who has been rector of this parish since Jan. 1, 1916.

Choristers from the First Presbyterian Church recently visited St. Elisabeth's Church, 16th and Mifflin Streets, where they sang Mozart's "Requiem." Church School rooms in the parish house of St. Elisabeth's have been redecorated.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Convocation of West Philadelphia recently held a Quiet Day at St. George's Church, 61st and Hazel Avenue, and a book review of "The President's Lady" by Mrs. George Wells at the Church of the Holy Apostles and the Mediator, 51st and Spruce Streets.

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MEMORIAL SILVER SET FOR ST. JAMES, KINGSESSING

A beautiful hand wrought communion service has just been completed for St. James Episcopal Church, Kingsessing, Philadelphia, Pa. This communion service consists of a chalice, ciborium, flagon and a paten.

The design of the chalice is most graceful, with a beautiful sweep contour from the base to the knop. This base is an eight sided scalloped traditional design, and has a delicate hand engraved ornament at the edge. It is enriched with a design of "grape and leaf" on one of the panels. The knop has four small hand chased crosses. The bowl is enriched with a decorated calyx where it joins the stem.

The paten is of plain design with a hand engraved cross to match the cross on the knop of the chalice.

The ciborium matches the chalice in general proportion and detail and has the engraved emblem of "St. Thomas" on one of the panels. The cover is a simple, interesting form, surmounted with a richly decorated celtic cross.

The flagon has a base that corresponds to the chalice and is of graceful, sweeping lines. The hinged cover is ornamented with a celtic cross to match the one on the ciborium.

To properly protect such a fine set, a special case was made of fine black leather.

Beautifully hand wrought, of heavy sterling silver, this communion set embodies all of the skill in design and silversmithing of the craftsman, Louis F. Glasier, 143 East 54th Street, New York 22, N. Y.

The vessels were inscribed as follows:

The Chalice, the gift of members of the Congregation, is a memorial to Thomas Chambers Smith, who lost his life in action with the enemy in Korea, October 26, 1951.

The Ciborium, also a memorial to Thomas Chambers Smith, is the gift of his family.

The Paten is the gift of the family of James W. Anderson—1867-1950. Mr. Anderson was for many years a Vestryman and accounting warden of St. James Church.

The Flagon is the gift of the Parish Chancel Guild.

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IN THE DIOCESE

Dr. Rebecca Beard recently held a three-day Mission of Spiritual Healing at St. Stephen's Church, 19 S. 10th Street.

The 1952 Youth Conference at Haverford College in June was so largely attended that the committee is considering two sessions for next year.

At Trinity Church, Oxford, new Sunday School rooms were built, others painted, new asphalt tile was laid in the basement, the kitchen was renovated and re-equipped and the auditorium was painted inside and out and redecorated. With the exception of the auditorium work, all of the labor was performed by the men and young men and women of the parish.

The fall meeting of the Rectory Club (for wives of clergy) was held recently at St. Mary's Church, 3916 Locust Street. The feature of the program was an organ recital by Mr. Eugene Roan, organist and choirmaster of the parish. About forty women were in attendance.

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Am I My Brother's Keeper?

IN INDIA I asked myself this question when I saw thousands of homeless sleeping in the streets of Calcutta and Bombay. When I saw half starved children and "hunger limp" babies like the one above.

IN KOREA (My schedule did not permit me to examine the 28 orphanages in which CCF assists Korean children). There is only ugliness and misery in Korea. Wandering refugees, little ragged children, destroyed homes. There is hardly a family not broken, fathers taken prisoners or shot, mothers abused and carried off or left dead behind a broken wall. A destroyed country of rubble, rags, disease, hunger and human misery.

IN JAPAN in the Elizabeth Saunders Home for GI babies, deserted by their American fathers, and 18 other CCF orphanages, all over-crowded.

IN GERMANY where I saw some of the several million people who are refugees in their own country. Those who escaped from East Germany won their freedom at great cost. Few families escaped intact. Children, parents, wives and husbands shot down or dragged off to labor camps. Those who escaped are destitute. They can't find work and have inadequate food and shelter.

The sick little children of India, the wandering orphans of Korea, that flaxen haired German miss, who saw her father killed, does God charge me with their plight? I have returned from overseas with the realization that the Communists care enough to make very successful capital of democracy's failures and with the strong conviction that we Americans can not close our eyes or stop our ears to the cry of a hungry child anywhere in the world — black, brown, yellow or white. The hungry children of the world are more dangerous to us than the atom bomb.

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